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Author Jerry Abraham discusses his work at the University of Minnesota Crookston Bookstore.

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Author Jerry Abraham will discuss his book *Voices From Minnesota: Short Biographies from Thirty-Two Senior Citizens* at the University of Minnesota Crookston Bookstore, located in the new student center on the UMC campus at 2900 University Way, on Friday, August 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Voices From Minnesota is a collection of thirty-two short biographies of Minnesota senior citizens. Abraham records the stories of men and women who were shaped by unique times—WWI, the stock market crash of 1929, the Great Depression, Prohibition, WWII, segregation and advances in technology. From average citizens whose occupations ranged from potato farmers, candy makers, world-class horseshoe throwers, pigeon racers to civil rights leaders, bankers, executives, and professors, *Voices of Minnesota* includes a section focused on Crookston, Minnesota and includes oral histories collected from Crookston residents Eliz Weiss, Josephine Dewhurst, Henry Gredvig, Gladys Peterson, Georgine Arness and Victoria Irwin.

Abraham is a retired educator with over thirty years of experience teaching American History.

The UMC Bookstore is hosting Abraham as part of their Community Open House during Crookston's Ox Cart Days. Abraham will sign copies of his book following the discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

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